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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper addresses the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response expires July 23, 2003.

Claims 1 to 97 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 to 97 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,502,079 B1 to Ball et al. (hereinafter Ball). These rejections are respectfully traversed by the following remarks.

Remarks

As to claims 1 to 97, in order for a claim to be anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102, a single prior art reference must disclose each and every element of the claim in exactly the same way. See Lindeman Machinenfabrik v. Am. Hoist and Derrick, 730 F.2d 1452, 1458 (Fed. Cir. 1984); MPEP § 2131. Applicants respectfully submit that this criteria for establishing anticipation is not met here.